whatsoever relating to the affairs of the Institute.

The Director General shall be competent to sub-delegate any of the powers conferred upon him to the Dy. Director-General or to such other officers working under him as may be considered necessary, consistent with the need for proper, effective and efficient discharge of responsibilities entrusted to such Dy. Director General/Officers. In the absence of Director General on long leave, deputation in India or abroad or due to transfer, arrangements to look after the duties of the Director General may be made by the Chairman of the Executive Council.

Fast Food Outlets by MNCs

1784. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy to permit MNCs to have chains of fast food outlets in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that fast food outlets owned by MNCs use ingredients in their food preparations to make it tasty, although these are considered harmful, on health grounds;

(d) if so, the details of such cases which have been brought to Government's notice so far; and

(e) the details of safeguard provided to check such malpracties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) to (e) The Industrial Policy Statement of 1991 permits foreign equity investments in various sectors of the industry which inter-alia include processed food products, hotels and tourism related industry. Under this Policy, while automatic approval for foreign equity investments upto 51% is granted for industries listed in annexure-III of the Industrial Policy Statement of 1991, proposals for foreign investments which do not qualify for the automatic approval are also examined by a high powered Committee known as the Foreign Investment Promotion Board and are approved at an appropriate level of the government. Foreign investments by the international companies for establishment of quick service restaurants have been permitted by the government under the above Policy. These chains of restaurants are to operate within the laws in force.

Sale of food articles containing harmful ingredients are punishable under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954. Food (Health) authorities of the State and Union Territories have been advised to keep vigil on the quality of food articles sold and take legal action in the event of contravention.

मध्य प्रदेश में कृषि के विकास हेतु धनराशियों का आवंटन

1785. श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव: क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश को कृषि के विकास हेतु आवंटित की गई धनराशि का जिला-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) राज्य सरकार द्वारा वास्तव में कितनी धनराशि का उपयोग किया गया;

(ग) क्या राज्य सरकार ने चालू वर्ष हेतु अतिरिक्त धन-राशि की मांग की है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) इस संबंध में सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है?

योजना तथा कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र के० अलघ): (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान राज्य योजना के अंतर्गत मध्य प्रदेश के लिए कृषि व संबद्ध कार्यकलापों हेतु 21383 लाख रुपये का परिव्यय अनुमोदित किया गया। वर्ष 1995-96 के लिए 18406.33 लाख रुपये का संशोधित परिव्यय अनुमोदित किया गया। योजना आयोग जिला-वार आवंटन नहीं करता।

(ग) राज्य सरकार ने चालू वर्ष के दौरान अतिरिक्त राशि की मांग नहीं की है।

(घ) और (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Request for CBI Investigation Against Government Officials

1786. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any requests from certain individuals and groups to get charges of corruption against Government officials investigated by the CBI;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are committed for transparency in all the fields; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not accepting the requests referred to in part (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS (SH. S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (d) The Secretary/Head of the Department is primarily responsible for the maintenance of purity/integrity in his organisation. Complaints/requests received by the Ministries/Departments are examined by them and appropriate action is taken according to the prescribed procedure. Such of the complaints/requests which in the opinion of the Secretary/Head of the Department of the organisation, merit investigation by the CBI are entrusted to them directly by him. Therefore, the details of the requests made for investigation by the CBI are not centrally maintained. During the last three years; i.e., from 1993 to 1995, the CBI investigated 4109 cases against the public servants. The Ministry of Home Affairs are already reviewing the provisions of the Officials Secrets Act to bring it in tune with transparency in Government.

Age Relaxation to Departmental Candidates for Government Jobs

1787. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government allow relaxation in upper age limit for departmental candidates in case of direct recruitment in Ministries/ Departments while such relaxation is not given in the case of some posts;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the justification, if any, thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) Relaxation in the upper age-limit is allowed to departmental candidates for appointment through direct recruitment as follows:

(A) In the case of Group 'A' and 'B' posts filled other wise than through Competitive Examination held by UPSC age relaxation is allowed upto a maximum of 5 years to such of the Government servants as are working in posts which are in the same line or allied cadres and where a relationship could be established that the service already rendered in a particular post will be useful for the efficient